

Please continue to work on this bill but vote NO as it is right now. Here are some thoughts:

Michigan has one of the highest number of names on the SOR. Some states have gone to a rating system rather than the tier system by statute being proposed, in order to maintain a more manageable list that could be monitored for the whereabouts of the truly violent and dangerous. There are some offenders who will be given life sentences but are low risk. I am sure this is not what is intended.

**This came out of a report from the Council of State Governments (Sex Offender Management Policy in the States; Winter 2010; Page 6):**

At least half the states currently categorize sex offenders using risk-based assessment to evaluate known risk factors and screen offenders into categories based on their likelihood to re-offend. When used correctly, such risk-based assessment tools better predict the likelihood a sex offender will commit another offense, help identify specific risk factors and monitor treatment. Currently under SORNA, offenders are categorized based on their offense, rather than by their risk to re-offend.

Right now there are several states that say they are not going to comply because it would be a step backwards as they have risk based systems instead of statute based systems like AWA requires.

Possibly the information regarding place of employment and vehicle could be available only to law enforcement secure databases; sharing this information with the public would only cause those offenders who have jobs to either lose them or make them unemployable, causing society more problems due to their lack of income and non-productivity. It could also lead to dishonesty by being deceitful about owning any vehicle at all or using vehicles that belong to others. This also would create a strain on law enforcement by having to monitor employment and vehicle ownership for over 40,000 people in our state alone.

Please consider these other possibilities in order to create a safe and fair environment for all.

Sincerely,

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